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## PRESS RELEASE

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NATURE OF CALL: DROWNING SEARCH CONTINUES  
LOCATION OF CALL: NORTH FORK AMERICAN RIVER  
CASE NUMBER: SO 02 5333  
VICTIM: RICKY LIM, 20, INDONESIA

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, the family and friends of Ricky Lim met at the American River with Captain Rick Armstrong of the Placer County Sheriff's Department. At this meeting Ricky's father, Benny Lim, who had flown in from Indonesia, was briefed on the continuing search for his missing son. It was also explained to the Lim family that due to the warm weather the water is running unusually high and fast for this time of year, which makes it extremely dangerous to put searchers in the water. The Sheriff's Department is continuing both helicopter and fixed wing searches of the stretch of river below the rapids known as "Pinball" where Lim was last seen.



The ongoing search is being conducted by CHP helicopter H-20, fixed wing Air 21 and the Placer County Sheriff's helicopter Eagle One.

There are also many commercially guided river trips taking place daily. The river guides who are familiar with the river and the hydraulics of the water are also being vigilant as they traverse the river.

These aerial and river searches will continue until Lim is located, and the Sheriff's Department is maintaining close contact with the Lim family during this difficult time.

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**RELEASED BY CAPTAIN RICK ARMSTRONG 530-889-7816**

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